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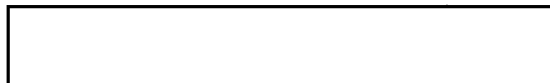
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Sincerely yours,

John Degan
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Press Officer



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Mr. William Colby, Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

About 6 weeks ago, we asked you to furnish us copies of your file relating to our organization pursuant to the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act. We have not received said records. We, therefore, treat your conduct as a refusal, despite our rights under the law.

Please consider this a notice of appeal from your rejection.

Unless we receive copies of the file within the next week, we shall institute a lawsuit in federal court in Buffalo and ask for a court order directing you to furnish what the law says we are entitled to have.

I refer you to your letters of March 24th and March 31st and note that you have not supplied the records although you have written us. We want the records as the law provides.

Respectfully yours,

Timothy Burk

Timothy Burk
Secretary

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March 12, 1975

Mr. William Colby, Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Would you please mail to the undersigned a copy of your file dealing with the American Congress for Irish Freedom. I believe we are entitled to this file under the Freedom of Information Act.

According to newspaper stories, you have agreed to give such information to the parties involved.

Sincerely yours,

Timothy Burke

Timothy Burke
Secretary

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American Congress
for Irish Freedom

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Mr. Timothy Burke
Secretary, American Congress
for Irish Freedom

Dear Mr. Burke:

I received your letter of 12 March, requesting access to any file CIA may be maintaining on the American Congress for Irish Freedom, on 18 March.

We are processing your request and will provide you with the results as soon as possible.

Freedom of Information Coordinator

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31 March 1975

Mr. John Degnan, Press Officer
Buffalo Chapter
American Congress for Irish Freedom

Dear Mr. Degnan,

On 18 March 1975 the Central Intelligence Agency received a request from Mr. Timothy Burke, the Secretary of your Buffalo Chapter of the American Congress for Irish Freedom, which is essentially identical with the request we received today from you. We are now searching our files for any reference to the American Congress for Irish Freedom. Upon completion of this search, and within the regulations of the Freedom of Information Act, we will send a reply to Mr. Burke at your Buffalo address which we hope will satisfy both Mr. Burke and your requests, as well as that of any other members of your chapter.

Sincerely

Freedom of Information Coordinator

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21 MAY 1974

Mr. James C. Heaney, Chairman
Attorney's Committee

Dear Mr. Heaney:

Your letter of 30 April to the Director has been referred to me for reply. At the outset, I apologize that we have failed to answer your earlier letter.

As to your substantive points, this Agency has not carried out surveillance of Irish Americans who speak out on British policy in the North of Ireland. We do not have journalists on our payroll for the purpose of distorting world-wide news and we have not financed anti-Irish and pro-British reports on the situation in North Ireland.

Yours very truly,

as MacLean Thuermer
Assistant to the Director

DD/O 74-0092

January 3, 1974

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It would appear that your agency has financed this type of misinformation in U. S. newspapers. We believe this situation calls for a complete investigation. Our Board of Directors has asked me to write you concerning this matter so that we can obtain an explanation for your activities in this area.

I would appreciate learning what action you will take in this matter. Meanwhile, I would appreciate any explanation the CIA might have to justify the aforementioned type of operation.

Respectfully yours,

James C. Heaney, Chairman
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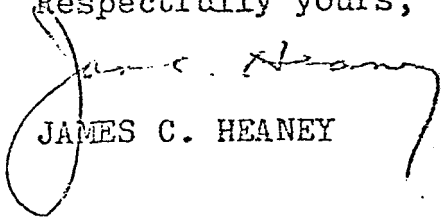
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Why you have not seen to reply to our letter I do not know but I am writing you once again requesting your cooperation. I should advise you that unless we hear from you promptly, I shall ask members of Congress to initiate a congressional investigation of C.I.A. activities with reference to the Irish American community. As an American citizen, I do not condone the Watergate approach to governmental activities, especially the activities of the C.I.A.

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We would also like to point out that Mr. Freidin has authored a number of anti-Irish and pro-British reports on the situation in Northern Ireland. I should advise you that unless you can show me that I shall be wrong. It would appear that your agency has financed this type of misinformation in U. S. newspapers. We believe this situation calls for a complete investigation. Our Board of Directors has asked me to write you concerning this matter so that we can obtain an explanation for your activities in this area.

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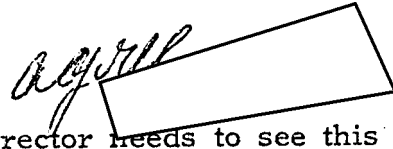
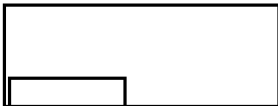
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Ben:

I doubt that the Director needs to see this
but I, of course, will leave it to you.



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D/Executive Secretary
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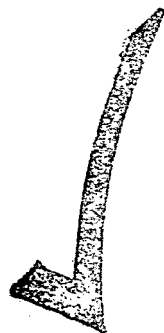
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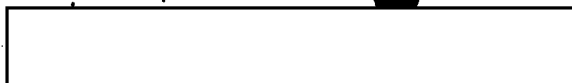
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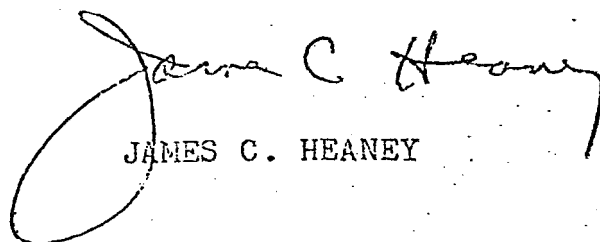
Dear Sir:

I noted with interest certain press reports which indicated that according to CIA officials formerly with your organization, that the CIA is active in Northern Ireland in assisting British military units.

Would you please confirm or deny this fact. It is a little difficult to comprehend how American interests are served by the CIA becoming involved in Northern Ireland under present circumstances. CIA operations were referred to in a recent story published by the Irish Press in Dublin as well as the Washington Star, a few weeks ago.

I would appreciate a prompt reply.

Respectfully yours,

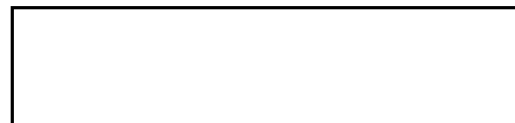

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1. Press
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CIA 'are active in Ireland'

MR. VICTOR Marchetti, the co-author of a book on the Central Intelligence Agency which the U.S. Government tried unsuccessfully to halt being published, said in London yesterday that until 1969 Ireland was not important to the CIA but he believed that the agency was a lot more active there now.

He said U.S. undercover agents would mainly be trying to find out where arms were coming from and what connections there were with some of the Middle East radical groups.

"We have people working side by side with you people (British) on the research level as well as on the operational level," he said.

Mr. Marchetti is a former senior CIA official. His training included parachuting, planting "bugs", how to carry out burglaries and how to open letters without showing they had been tampered with, as well as infiltrating heavily guarded "border areas".

His book, *The CIA and the Cult of Intelligence*, has been published with many blank portions, ruled out by court injunction and is still the subject of appeals in the United States.

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Lon Non Back

Brig. Gen. Lon Non, the controversial younger brother of Cambodian President Lon Nol, returned yesterday to Phnom Penh after 16 months abroad.

He had been sent out of the country, observers in Cambodia believed, at the request of the U.S. Embassy, which thought him too divisive and harmful to Cambodia's efforts to unify against the Khmer Rouge insurgents.

Mozambique: Day 1

Strict security was in force on the streets of Lourenco Marques yesterday as the new transition government of Premier Joaquim Chissano began to steer Mozambique on its way to full independence from Portugal next June.

Meanwhile, in Dar-es-Salaam,



JOAQUIM CHISSANO

expected to become Mozambique's first president next year, reassured whites that they have a place in the country's future.

In the hour-long message, Machel said the liberation front, known as Frelimo, "has never fought against the people of Portugal or the white race."

Arms for IRA

Weapons continue to pour into Northern Ireland despite the success of British military intelligence, Interpol and the CIA in cutting major United States supply routes, a British army spokesman in Belfast said yesterday.

The spokesman said many of the arms are being supplied by American sympathizers if commercial gun-running syndicates. Most of the arms, including American, Russian, Japanese and Chinese automatic rifles, reach the hands of the outlawed Irish Republican Army.

—Compiled From Wire Service Reports,

lance at a time," he said.

War on Cancer

On two fronts, progress was reported in the war against cancer.

Dr. Charles B. Huggins, Nobel Prize-winning scientist at the University of Chicago, reported that leukemia in male rats disappeared after removal of their pituitary glands. Huggins saw in the experiments confirmation that "hormones are the key to cancer research, control and treatment."

At a Duke University symposium, Dr. William T. Creaseman, a researcher at the school, reported temporary destruction of a rare ovarian cancer in 13 of 16 women treated by a combination of surgery, drugs and radiation.

Meredith Marches

James Meredith, who was gunned down during a civil rights "march against fear" in 1966, set out yester-

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CIA 'are active in Ireland'

MR. VICTOR Marchetti, the co-author of a book on the Central Intelligence Agency which the U.S. Government tried unsuccessfully to halt being published, said in London yesterday that until 1969 Ireland was not important to the CIA but he believed that the agency was a lot more active there now.

He said U.S. undercover agents would mainly be trying to find out where arms were coming from and what connections there were with some of the Middle East radical groups.

"We have people working side by side with you people (British) on the research level as well as on the operational level," he said.

Mr. Marchetti is a former senior CIA official. His training included parachuting, planting "bugs", how to carry out burglaries and how to open letters without showing they had been tampered with, as well as infiltrating heavily guarded "border areas".

His book, *The CIA and the Cult of Intelligence*, has been published with many blank portions, ruled out by court injunction and is still the subject of appeals in the United States.

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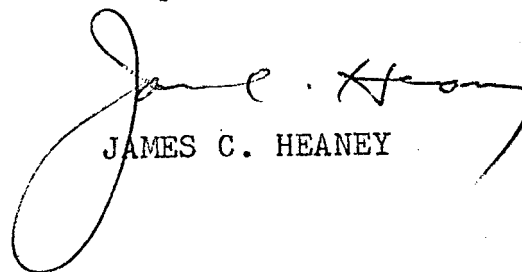
Mr. William Colby, Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I enclose herewith a news clipping from the Irish Press of September 11th last which indicates that the CIA is operating in Northern Ireland and actually assisting British military units. This statement was recently made by a former senior CIA official, Mr. Victor Marchetti in a recent London interview.

Please advise me what the CIA is doing in Northern Ireland and why it is assisting British military units. I would appreciate a quick response.

Respectfully yours,



JAMES C. HEANEY

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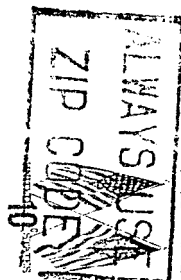
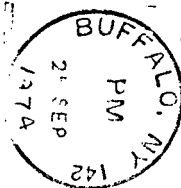
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